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ATA wraps up interviews of current contractor work force

ARNOLD AIR FORCE BASE, TENN. -- Incoming Arnold Engineering Development Center (AEDC) contractor Aerospace Testing Alliance (ATA) has completed interviews with all applicants from the current ACS and Jacobs Sverdrup work force for ATA positions at Arnold Air Force Base.

ATA becomes AEDC's single contractor on Oct. 1. The new company will employ more than 2,000 people.

For current Sverdrup and ACS employees whose jobs will be moved to one of ATA's six subcontractors, the interview process has started. ATA Human Resources Manager Tom Quatrini met with the employees whose work is being transferred to subcontractors two weeks ago to brief them and answer their questions.

Up to 85 percent of the ATA projected work force is scheduled to get offer letters on Aug. 27 or 28.

The current plan is for hiring managers to deliver the letters directly to each individual. ACS and Jacobs Sverdrup employees who plan to be on vacation on those days have been asked to leave a phone number so they can be contacted.

Only those who cannot be reached in person or by phone will then get a letter in the mail. ATA is asking for an affirmative or negative response to job offers within two working days of receipt (excludes the 3-day holiday weekend).

Applications from current employees not offered jobs on Aug. 27 or 28 will all go into a pool for phase 3 consideration. In many cases, the plan will be to hire them for jobs for which they were originally mapped during the phase 2 interview process once the company is sure of the final company budget for fiscal year 2004.

If applicants in the pool are not selected for positions for which they were initially interviewed during phase 2, but they do have the qualifications for other ATA openings, the hiring manager will re-interview them for the open position.

ATA anticipates making job offers to fill the balance of the fiscal year 2004 funded positions in mid-September.

ATA General Manager Dr. David Elrod said that the company is working hard to finalize fiscal year 2004 work requirements with the Air Force. He and Deputy General Manager John Miller continue to foster open communications with the work force.

Employees can use the ATA transition Web site at www.jacobssverdrup.com/ata to send and view questions already asked.

Current employers ACS and Jacobs Sverdrup will offer outplacement support services to employees not hired by ATA.

They will also help the employees look for job opportunities within parent companies Jacobs Sverdrup, Computer Sciences Corp. and General Physics Corp.

Employees not selected for ATA employment will receive severance packages in accordance with their current company's employment status.